

H. R. 648.

[No Report.]

FEBRUARY 9, 1847.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. DOUGLASS, from the Committee on the Territories, reported the following bill:

A BILL

For the admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union.

1 Whereas the people of the Territory of Wisconsin did, on
2 the sixteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and forty-six,
3 by a convention of delegates called and assembled for that pur-
4 pose, form for themselves a constitution and State government,
5 which said constitution is republican; and said convention hav-
6 ing asked the admission of said Territory into the Union as a
7 State, on an equal footing with the original States :

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the State of Wisconsin be, and the same is hereby declared to
4 be, one of the United States of America, and is hereby admitted
5 into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, in
6 all respects whatever.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the assent of*
2 Congress is hereby given to the change of boundary proposed in
3 the first article of said constitution, to wit: leaving the bounda-

4 ry line prescribed in the act of Congress entitled "An act to
 5 enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a constitution
 6 and State government, and for the admission of such State into
 7 the Union," at the first rapids in the river St. Louis, thence in a
 8 direct line southwardly to a point fifteen miles east of the most
 9 easterly point in lake St. Croix, thence due south to the main
 10 channel of the Mississippi river or lake Pepin, thence down the
 11 said main channel, as prescribed in said act.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the assent of Con-
 2 gress is hereby given to the resolutions adopted by said conven-
 3 tion and appended to said constitution, and the acts of Congress
 4 referred to in said resolutions are hereby amended so that the
 5 lands thereby granted and the proceeds thereof, and the five per
 6 centum of the net proceeds of the public lands, may be held
 7 and disposed of by said State, in the manner and for the pur-
 8 poses recommended by said convention: *Provided, however*,
 9 That the liabilities incurred by the territorial government of
 10 Wisconsin, under the act entitled "An act to grant a quantity
 11 of land to the Territory of Wisconsin, for the purpose of aiding
 12 in opening a canal to connect the waters of lake Michigan with
 13 those of Rock river," shall be paid and discharged by said State:
 14 *And provided, further*, That the even numbered sections along
 15 the route of said proposed canal shall be brought into market,
 16 and sold at the same minimum price, and subject to the same

17 rights of pre-emption to all the settlers thereon at the passage of
18 this act, as other public lands of the United States.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it is made and
2 declared to be a fundamental condition of the admission of said
3 State of Wisconsin into the Union, that the constitution adopted
4 at Madison, on the sixteenth day of December, in the year one
5 thousand eight hundred and forty-six, shall be assented to by the
6 qualified electors, in the manner and at the times prescribed in
7 the ninth section of the twentieth article of said constitution.
8 And as soon as such assent shall be given, the President of the
9 United States shall announce the same by proclamation; and
10 therefrom, and without any further proceedings on the part of
11 Congress, the admission of said State of Wisconsin into the
12 Union, on an equal footing in all respects whatever with the
13 original States, shall be considered as complete.